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SALCOMBE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year

1959



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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1959

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SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR : Mr. A.J.C. NEX, M.A.P.H.I.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Report for the year ended 31st December 1959.

The health of the district has continued to be satisfactory.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) : 1.297.

Population : The Registrar General's estimate of the  
resident population : 2,420.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1959 according to the  
Rate Books) : 890.

Rateable Value : £26,338.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate : £163.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS :

	TOTAL	M	F
Legitimate	23	13	10
Illegetimate	1	-	1

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population : 0.99

STILL BIRTHS :

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births : -



DEATHS : 32

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population : 13.2

DEATHS (from Puerperal Causes) :

DEATHS OF INFANTS under one year of age. : Nil

DEATH RATE - All infants per 1,000 Live Births : Nil

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 : Nil

Legitimate Live Births : Nil

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 : Nil

Illegitimate Live Births : Nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS under 4 weeks of age : Nil

### CAUSES OF DEATH

	M	F
1. Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System ... ..	-	-
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis... ..	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease ... ..	-	-
4. Diphtheria ... ..	-	-
5. Whooping Cough ... ..	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections ... ..	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis .. ..	-	-
8. Measles ... ..	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Disease ... ..	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach .. ..	-	2
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ... ..	1	-
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ... ..	-	-
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ... ..	-	-
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms... ..	2	4
15. Leukaemia, Alukaemia ... ..	-	-
16. Diabetes.. ... ..	-	-
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ... ..	1	3
18. Coronary Disease, Angina ... ..	1	2
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease .. ..	-	1
20. Other Heart Disease .. ..	6	3
21. Other Circulatory Disease ... ..	-	-
22. Influenza ... ..	-	-
23. Pneumonia ... ..	-	1
24. Bronchitis ... ..	1	-
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System . ... ..	-	-
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ... ..	-	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea .. ..	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis .. ..	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate .. ..	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion ... ..	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations . ... ..	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined Diseases ... ..	2	2
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents . ... ..	-	-
34. All other accidents .. ..	-	-
35. Suicide... ..	-	-
36. Homicide and Operations of War ... ..	-	-
	14	18

There have been, during the year, no serious outbreaks of disease. The population increases considerably during the summer months, as Salcombe attracts many visitors, being a well-known holiday resort and sailing centre.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

The personal health services are provided by various bodies, by far the greater part being under the control of the Regional Hospital Board, Devon County Council and the Local Executive Council. The environmental health services are controlled by the District Council.

The Public Health Laboratory Service has a laboratory in Plymouth for the investigation of communicable diseases and the examination of milk, water, ice-cream, foodstuffs, etc.

The Devon County Health Handbook gives details of the health and allied social services in the County of Devon. Much of its information refers to the County as a whole, but there are details of the various services provided in this district.

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR, 1959

#### DISEASE

#### TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED

Measles

6

### TUBERCULOSIS

#### NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1959

#### NEW CASES

#### DEATHS

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
70 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### WATER SUPPLY

This is maintained by the South Devon Water Board and the quantity and quality are both satisfactory.

### SEWERAGE

Numerous small outfalls discharge into the harbour and are periodically inspected and cleaned as is found necessary. The Council are actively pursuing a scheme to improve the existing conditions.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse is collected weekly from all parts of the district and disposed of by means of controlled tipping at Batson Creek.

### FOOD INSPECTIONS

The following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered as being found unfit for human consumption :-

- One - 2lb. tin of Marmalade.
- One - 6lb. tin of Jellied Veal.
- One - tin of Grapefruit.
- One - tin of Corned Beef.

### ICE-CREAM

No samples of ice-cream were taken.

### BAKEHOUSES

There are three bakehouses within the district and no complaints have been received.

### DISINFECTION

Routine disinfection has been carried out after all notified cases of infectious disease.



### SCHOOLS

There are 3 Schools in the district.

During the year, 2 Notices were received referring to 7 children who were excluded from school because of communicable disease, or because they were contacts.

### NUISANCES

Eight complaints of nuisances were received, all of which were resolved by informal action.

### CAMPING SITES

The control of campin, within the district occupies a considerable amount of time of the Public Health Department during the summer months. There are four fields licensed under the Public Health Act, 1956, and regular visits are paid to these sites as well as numerous other sites which were used, but unlicensed.

A successful prosecution was taken against one farmer for extending the permitted number of days under the Public Health Act.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS on the ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

Premises	No. in Register	Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ....	5	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .....	42	22	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises) .....	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	47	25	-	-

I am,  
Your obedient Servant,

R. B. WALKER,  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.